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Between 11 and 20 April 1951, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne at Saalfeld (W 51/J 53), on the Saalfeld-Bad Blankenburg road, quartered about 1,000 troops. Two-thirds of the troops wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and one-third red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Sentries at the two gates wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 17 April, about 20 officers and 450 men, most of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, were engaged in basic infantry training, heavy machine gun drill, combat practice, and marksmanship. Trucks

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carrying troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets, and empty trucks were identified in the billeting area. *

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Comment. The 120th Mtz Rifle Regt and the 15th (Gds?) Tank 3P Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Div are carried in the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne at Saalfeld. The present report indicates that at least the rifle regiment was still at the post in mid-April 1951, but other elements of the division from Meiningen and Plauen are believed to have been at Ohrdruf since that date.

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